

# Is China's concentrated solar power generation good

Is China a good place to build a solar power plant?

The results show that China is rich in solar resources and has excellent CSP development potential. Approximately 11% of China's land is suitable for the construction of CSP stations, of which more than 99% is concentrated in five provinces in the northwest region (i.e., Xinjiang, Tibet, Inner Mongolia, Qinghai, and Ningxia).

Why is concentrating solar power important in China?

Over 99% of China's technical potential is concentrated in five western provinces. Concentrated solar power (CSP) technology can not only match peak demand in power systems but also play an important role in the carbon neutrality pathway worldwide. Actions in China is decisive.

How much solar power does China have?

According to statistics of the China Solar Thermal Alliance, by the end of 2021, the total installed capacity of global solar thermal power generation reached 6.8 GW, and the figure in China was 538 MW (only including power generation systems at or higher than the MW scale).

Can solar PV & wind energy be developed in China?

Solar PV and Wind energy have been the focus of attention in the past ten years. Development of CSP in China is still at its infancy phase. The paper evaluates the potential of CSP development by assessing solar, water, land, climatic conditions and manmade resources as key criteria for suitable site selection of CSP plants in China.

Can solar energy be used for power generation in China?

Solar radiation received on the surface in China was estimated to be up to  $5.28 \times 10^{16}$  MJ. However, not all solar resources can be used for power generation, depending on the specific land-use type and other geographic constraints, e.g., nearby available water resources and slope.

Where are the best solar energy resources in China?

As shown in Fig. 3, the best solar energy resources in China are mainly concentrated in the western regions of Inner Mongolia, Tibet, Qinghai, Xinjiang, Gansu, Yunnan, and Sichuan. The annual mean DNI of these areas is between 1700 and 3100 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>, which satisfies the standard for establishing CSP stations per Section 2.1. Fig. 3.

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In 2016, the first batch of concentrated solar power (CSP) demonstration projects of China was formally approved. Due to the important impact of the cost-benefit on the investment decisions and policy-making, this paper adopted the static payback period (SP), net present value (NPV), net present value rate (NPVR), and internal rate of return (IRR) to analyze and discuss ...

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